(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The instructions of the Government regarding' reservation of vacancies for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Ex-Servicemen and Physically handicapped persons are applicable to these organisations and are being implemented by them.

(c) Does not arise.

Rules regarding study leave to Central Secretariat Employees

3146. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules regarding study leave to Central Government employees;

(b) the number of employees who were granted study leave during the last three years, yearwise ; and

(c) the number of applications in this regard which were turned down during the above period along with the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The provisions regarding the grant of study leave to Central Government employees are incorporated in the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972.

(b) and (c) Under the rules, study leave can be granted subject to fulfilment of the prescribed conditions by the Ministry/Department concerned. Hence the information is not centrally monitored.

Unani dispensaries under CGHS

3147. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Unani dispensaries under the CGHS is very less as compared to other types of CGHS dispensaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CGHS beneficiaries have to travel long distances to avail Unani facilities in CGHS dispensaries; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to open more Unani dispensaries in the Capital under the CGHS ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir. At present one Unani dispensary and two units are functioning under CGHS Delhi. One more Unani unit has been sanctioned and will be opened in South Avenue on availability of suitable accommodation.

Food Irradiation

3148. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the World-wide controversy on dangers from food irradiation, which has led to boycott of super

markets, in USA and Australia etc. carrying irradiated foods as reported in the Hindustan Times of 15th January, 1989 ;

(b) whether it has been made obligatory to label irradiated foods and foods containing irradiated ingredients;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is no test yet which can detect irradiated foods;

(d) whether Australia Government have banned food irradiation until tests as in (c) above are developed ; and

(e) whether such a moratorium as in (b) above will be imposed as a measure of abandon question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (e) Government is aware of the controversy regarding food irradiation. The US Food and Drug Administration has cleared irradiation of food upto a dose of 1 Kgy and spices upto 30 Kgy. Australia has not banned food irradiation but has decided not to introduce the process until such time as a method of distinguishing irradiated food from non-irradiated food as developed.

Currently about 28 countries have adopted the process of irradiation to prolong the shelf life of various food items. A joint committee of FAO, WHO, and IAEA has cleared all food items which are irradiated upto an overall average dose of 10 Kgy as safe for human consumption. Therefore, there is no valid reason for imposing a moratorium on food irradiation. However, detailed rules under the Atomic Energy Act of 1962, are being evolved by Government to ensure safety for consumers before clearing irradiated food for consumption in India.

अरेल परगना, इलाहाबाद के 14 गांवों में भूमि-अधिग्रहण

3149. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दिनांक 19 जनवरी, 1989 का एक अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है जिसमें यह मांग की गई है कि रक्षा विभाग द्वारा इलाहाबाद जिले में अरेल परगना के करछना तहसील में पड़ने वाले 14 गांवों की भूमि को अधिगृहीत न किया जाए, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके प्रति सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंतामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) संबंधित थल-सेना विरचना स्थानीय सिविल प्राधिकारियों के साथ मामले पर विचार-विमर्श कर रही है।

Extension of service to top level Management Officers in Public Sector Undertakings

3150. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJ1 : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Top Level-Management Officers of Public Sector Undertakings have been given extension of service beyond their age of superannuation undertaking wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received representations from the affected officers whose promotions had been blocked if so, what decision had been taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government pro pose to do-away-with the Grant-of